

MEDICAL STAFF FOR OVERSEAS BASE HOSPITAL

DOCTORS and nurses for the first overseas base hospital for 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force will sail with the 2nd Echelon.

In making the announcement recently, the Minister of Defence, the Hon. F. Jones, stated that fully-equipped base hospitals and a convalescent depot would be established overseas so that New Zealand soldiers would be treated in their own hospitals by doctors and nurses from their own country.

Mr. Jones expressed his pleasure at the splendid response by both doctors and nurses. So many had offered their services that the overseas hospitals would be staffed by men of the highest qualifications. Medical attention, worthy of the highest standard in the world, would be available to men of the New Zealand Forces.

It was proposed to have the general hospital so organised that it would be capable of rapid expansion, and the staff would include specialists. Dental officers, dental mechanics, clerks, orderlies, and chaplains would be attached. The convalescent hospital would also be capable of expansion.

Following is a list of the first selection of officers to be appointed:

Officer Commanding the 1st General Hospital: Colonel A. C. McKillop, of Christchurch, formerly Assistant Director of Medical Services, Southern Military District. Previously Colonel McKillop commanded the 3rd Field Ambulance in the Territorial Forces. He had considerable experience overseas during the Great War.

Officer Commanding the Surgical Division: Lieutenant-Colonel T. D. M. Stout, D.S.O., O.B.E., of Wellington. Colonel Stout will be the surgical specialist of the hospital. He is senior honorary surgeon to the Wellington Hospital. He saw service during the last war at casualty clearing stations, and later as a surgical specialist in military hospitals.

Officer Commanding the Medical Division: Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Boyd, M.C., of Wellington. He is honorary senior physician to the Wellington Hospital. He saw service during the last war in medical units attached to the infantry and to the Mounted Rifles.

Orthopaedic Surgeon: Major H. K. Christie, of Wanganui. He is orthopaedic surgeon to the Wanganui Hospital.

Registrar: Major L. J. Hunter, M.C., of Levin. He is an honorary assistant surgeon to the Palmerston North Hospital. During the last war he went overseas with the Australian Imperial Force, and was Deputy-Assistant Director of Medical Services, 4th Division, Australian Army Medical Corps.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist: Major J. A. Doctor, of Wellington. He saw service during the last war with the New Zealand Field Ambulance and No. 2 General Hospital.

Physician: Captain A. H. Kirker, of Auckland, a consulting physician and an honorary physician to the Auckland Hospital.

Specialist in Tropical Diseases: Captain E. G. Sayers, of Auckland, consulting physician. Has had considerable ex-

perience in the treatment of tropical diseases.

Physician: Captain R. D. King, of Timaru.

Surgeon: Captain J. M. Clarke, of Auckland, late chief of the Division of Surgery at the Auckland Hospital.

Surgeon: Captain D. G. Radcliffe, medical superintendent, Balclutha Hospital.

Radiologist: Captain G. Lynch, radio therapist to the Wellington Hospital and diagnostic radiologist to Lewisham Hospital.

Bacteriologist: Captain D. T. Stewart, at present pathologist and bacteriologist at the Christchurch Hospital.

Medical officers the equivalent of house surgeons and house physicians in a public hospital: Lieutenant T. P. H. Neil, at present in London; Lieutenant W. L. Gilmour, late house surgeon at Auckland Hospital; Lieutenant H. M. Forman, late house surgeon at Auckland Hospital; Lieutenant F. B. Edmundson, at present in London; Lieutenant A. McFarlane, at present in London; Lieutenant E. Stevenson-Wright.

Quartermaster: Lieutenant P. N. R. McDonald, accountancy staff of the Taranaki Hospital. Served in the last war in a combatant unit.

Dental Officer Attached: Lieutenant N. M. Gleeson.

Chaplains: The Revs. N. E. Winhall (Church of England), R. T. Dodds (Presbyterian), and E. Forsman (Roman Catholic).

Convalescent Hospital

Officer Commanding: Lieutenant-Colonel F. Montgomery Spencer, of Wellington. He served in the last war and commanded the No. 2 Field Ambulance in the Central Military District for a considerable period.

Final Leave for 2nd Echelon

Men of the units of the 2nd Echelon begin their final leave on March 14, and will have a fortnight, which will take them over the period of Easter.

When they return, they will continue their training until their departure, which will follow as nearly as possible the programme of the departure of the 1st Echelon.

There will be a final parade through the streets of the three centres, Wellington, Christchurch, and Auckland.

Second in Command: Major N. F. Boag, of Blenheim. He is anaesthetist to the Wairau Hospital. He will be president of the Medical Board attached to the convalescent hospital.

Major N. C. Speight, a Dunedin surgeon and a member of the Territorial Forces.

Lieutenant C. S. Preston, late house surgeon at the Waikato Hospital.

Lieutenant J. K. F. Watson, late house surgeon at the Waikato Hospital.

Dental Officer Attached: Lieutenant W. G. Middlemass.

Aruba in the News

Cable messages from America state that a German freighter has been scuttled off the Island of Aruba, in the Dutch West Indies. Aruba lies off Venezuela, which is on the northern coast of South America and is almost opposite the Gulf of Maracaibo, an arm of the Caribbean Sea. Gold and phosphates are its principal exports. The Island of Curacao, famous for its liquors, is nearby. Maracaibo, the principal port of Venezuela, is a deep-water port from which are exported large quantities of coffee, sugar, rubber, cocoa, timber, hides, and ores. Large numbers of German merchant ships have been sheltering in the ports of various South American countries since the outbreak of war. A strong British Naval force is stationed in the British West Indies.

Librarian Appointed

Sergeant J. E. F. Perry, for forty years on the staff of the Wellington Public Library, is now in charge of the library at Trentham Camp. He says that the ratio of good books is as high in the military library as in any first-class public library. There is a demand for more serious books—biography, travel, etc.—for many of the men are studious readers. Because a number of reference books have been asked for, provision has been made to deal with such requests by sending the books out from public libraries for a limited time. This applies to every camp in New Zealand in which there is an established library. Thousands of excellent books have found their way into the camp libraries; all of them of sufficiently wide interest to cater to every taste.



The Advance Guard of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. photographed on January 2, 1940, the day before arrival at Aden